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Ascon Landfill Site

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SOIL TESTING ALONG MAGNOLIA STREET



Sampling area along the west side of Magnolia Street (looking southwest).

During the week of December 6, 2004, workers will be sampling the soil along Magnolia Street near the Ascon Landfill site. This includes the dirt area next to the fence and in the street. The goal is to determine the extent of contamination from one of the waste pits in the former landfill. This testing is part of the ongoing investigation of the Ascon Landfill site.

We are sending this notice to residents in the neighborhood so that you will know what's going on if you see workers or trucks in the area. We also want to let you know about how long the work will take and what to expect.

Some of the work will be performed by Vironex, contractors to the Ascon Landfill

site Responsible Parties. Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), will oversee the work. We are the lead regulatory agency for this site investigation.

When the sampling will be done: Two to three days during the week of December 6, 2004.

Work hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where the samples will be taken: Along the west side of Magnolia Street, between Hamilton Avenue and Banning Avenue.

Partial lane closure on Magnolia Street: When samples are taken, part of one southbound (outside) lane on Magnolia Street will be closed. Approximately 500 feet of the lane will be closed between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The other southbound lane will be open. **The partial lane closure will only be needed for possibly two days.**

Equipment: To take soil samples, workers will use a drill rig mounted on a small truck with a drill bit less than 2 inches wide. They will also use devices similar to canisters and probes, placing them on and in the ground to detect potential chemical vapors from the soil.



Drill rig to be used may look similar to this one.

Noise: The noise from the drilling would not be loud enough to disturb residents in the nearby homes.

Permits: Before starting the sampling, workers will get all the required permits from the city of Huntington Beach.

Number of sampling locations: About 19 along the Magnolia Street area, three on site, one in Edison Community Park (southern portion), and one in the greenbelt area south of the site.

Safety: The sampling will not pose a safety hazard to the public. However, workers will wear protective clothing as part of standard safety procedures.

About the Ascon Landfill Site Investigation

The former landfill is a vacant 38-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street. It contains various types of liquid and solid waste in buried pits, surface piles of rubble, and lagoons (ponds). The site has gone through several environmental investigations and cleanup plans through its many changes of ownership.

Since the end of 2003, a group of private companies (Responsible Parties) have been performing final site investigations in preparation for the landfill cleanup.

These Responsible Parties, who formerly used the site when it was an operating landfill, are paying for the site investigation and any required cleanup.

In March 2004, DTSC sent out a fact sheet with the latest developments (posted on our website at:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Ascon/Ascon-Landfill_FS_Soil-Studies.pdf.)

That fact sheet described some testing to be done within the landfill property to get more information on the wastes. The upcoming soil tests along Magnolia Street are an expansion of that testing.

Information from the sampling done both inside and outside the property boundary will help in selecting the best remedy to clean up the landfill. Before our agency approves any cleanup proposal, we will put it out for public review and comment.

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